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MISSIONARIES CHALLENGE STUDENTS IN WEEK-END F. M. F. CONFERENCE

Missionaries to Africa, China, and Japan presented the challenge of world-wide missions at the university's fourth annual missionary conference, which was sponsored by Bryan's chapter of the Foreign Missions Fellowship, Friday, January 26, through Sunday, January 28.

French Equatorial Africa was represented by the Rev. and Mrs. Jacob P. Kliever, of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Brethren Church.

China's needs were described to the students by the Rev. John P. Williams, who was born of missionary parents in China. After receiving his education in the United States, he returned to China under the Ohio Yearly Meeting of Friends. He had served there only a few years when he was forced to leave in 1948.

Under appointment to Japan under the Far Eastern Gospel Crusade, Rev. Hugh Brown showed slides of the work which is being done in that country.

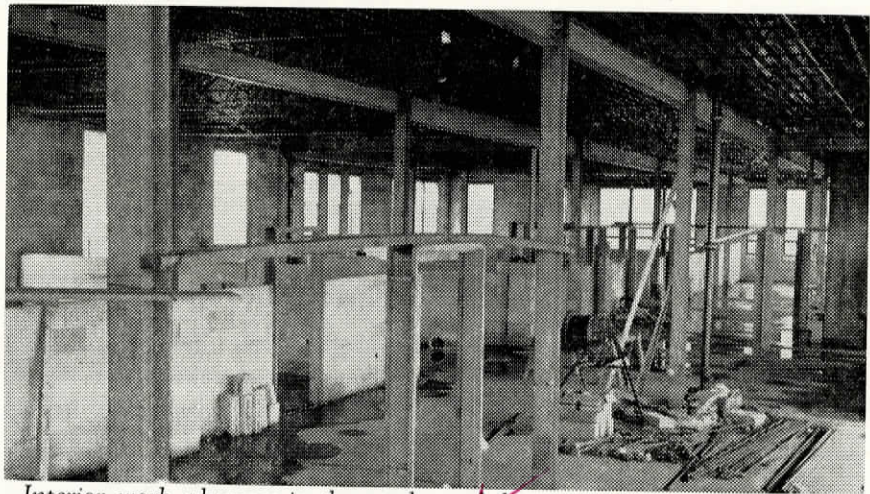
Saturday afternoon the missionaries held an open forum to answer the students' questions about mission work, and Sunday afternoon each missionary gave his personal testimony.

MISS WEBBER JOINS BRYAN MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Miss Betty Webber arrived in January from Wheaton College to assume the position of Instructor in Piano and Organ in the Bryan University music department.



With a major in organ and a minor in piano, she received her Bachelor of Music in Education from Wheaton College in August, 1948. After her graduation she taught music until September, 1949, in the Lamar public schools in Colorado. From that time until coming to Bryan she served as conservatory secretary at Wheaton College.



Interior work advances in the newly roofed section of the main building.

TAR COMPLETES PERMANENT ROOF OF NORTH SECTION

After 20 years of faith, waiting, construction, and prayer, a portion of the permanent Memorial Administration Building roof has been completed atop the recently constructed north section. This seems like a dream come true, but how long will the construction and finishing of the rest of the building remain a dream?

On July 23, 1925, which was shortly after the world-famous Scopes Evolution Trial and four days before his death, William Jennings Bryan suggested that a school for young men be established on one of the hills surrounding Dayton.

In consequence of his sudden death on the field of the legal battle, his friends felt that the movement inaugurated by him should be amplified and that a great co-educational, non-sectarian but thoroughly Christian, institution should be built as a national memorial to his life and character.

A beautiful site of 82 acres on a wooded hill overlooking Dayton was purchased. Plans were laid to raise money to construct an administration building 440 feet long, 54 feet wide, and three stories high.

Concrete for the foundation and ground floor had been poured when the depression halted operations. This left an immense, but in that condition, an unusable structure.

Despite the discouraging prospect, the Trustees decided that the university should open its doors for students. The old Rhea County high school building was made available

by county authorities, and classes began September 18, 1930.

After five years in the old building, students and faculty felt that they should make every effort to enclose enough of the foundation to permit the holding of classes on Bryan Hill. With only \$204 in the building fund, construction work was resumed in June of 1935.

Prayers were answered and by September concrete had been poured and walls erected to such an extent as to allow occupancy. Gradually more rooms were enclosed, and in the Spring of 1938 construction was begun on a section at the south end of the main floor which was to serve as a temporary girls' dormitory.

World War II halted all further work, but construction was begun again in earnest in 1949, and since that time the north section of the top floor has been enclosed.

But the building is far from being finished. The tower section has not been started. Much work remains to be done on the section now being used as a temporary girls' dormitory, and there is a whole floor section to be constructed above it. Besides this, the entire building has yet to be finished on both the inside and outside. This means brick laying on the outside and plastering and floor laying on the inside.

Won't you pray with us that the Lord will supply the money for the completion of this building which is the determining factor in the number of young people that Bryan will be able to train for the Lord's service.

BRYAN RUNNERS NEED TRACK FOR TRAINING

For many years the university has been aware of the lack of an athletic field. The search for a piece of flat land of sufficient size in these rolling Tennessee hills has been long and disappointing.

Some years ago the university purchased a piece of land attached to the campus with such a field in view. But since the land will require a major dirt moving job, it proved impossible to develop it while still striving to complete the administration building.

In the Spring of 1949, with the hope of having a track team the following year, some of the students set out to find an unused field somewhere in the vicinity of Dayton that would fill the need.

A section of land near Lake Chickamauga was found, but TVA regulations prevented its use. Early last Spring the Dayton Coal and Iron

Company offered a section of its land in South Dayton for this purpose, and work was started in developing it. However, it was found that the water table under the land was so close to the surface that heavy machinery could not be used in its development. Therefore, the field was abandoned.

This last fall the city of Dayton offered a section of land bordering Lake Chickamauga, which they later wish to develop into a city park, for a temporary athletic field. Part of the land was scraped by the city street department, and two touch football fields were laid out.

At the present time the basic dimensions of the track have been laid out, and as soon as the field is sufficiently dry work will begin. It will be impossible to develop the field without the use of heavy machinery, and it is not known whether or not the field will support the machinery. The university team, which trained last year on the high school football field, desperately needs a track on which to work out. Will you pray with us that this work will be completed in time for spring training.

FIRST GRADER GIVES HIS BEST TO THE MASTER

In the last chapel service which was held in the public schools prior to the Christmas holidays, a group of Bryan students challenged an assembly of pupils at Frazer Elementary School to give their best to the Master.

When the group returned several weeks later one of the teachers quietly handed the leader of the group a red rubber ball. When asked the meaning of this she explained that "Doug," one of the little first grade boys, after pondering over the matter for several days, had brought the ball to her stating that he wanted to give his best to the Master.

The ball will be used as an object lesson by Bryan students in some of the other public schools where chapel services are being conducted.

DR. THOMASON SPEAKS TO STUDENT BODY

"Education at the Crossroads" was the subject of the address given by Dr. R. H. Thomason, Dean of Admissions and Records at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, at the chapel service held on Bryan Hill, January 18. Dr. Thomason, who has been in the field of education for a number of years, is former president of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

Desiring to promote enlarged and mutually helpful relations between Bryan University and the state university, Dr. Thomason attended several classes throughout the day and interviewed a number of students and staff members.

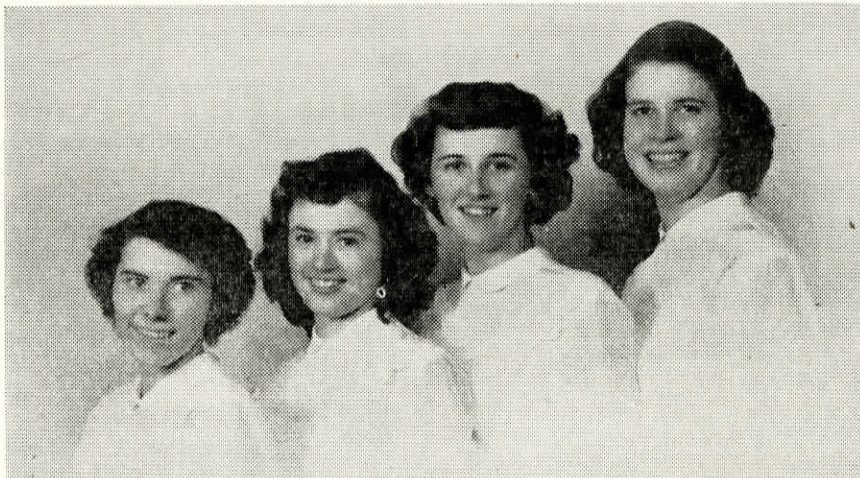
CUPID CATCHES COUPLES AT VALENTINE'S PARTY

Hearts here, hearts there, hearts everywhere decked the dining hall Thursday evening, February 15, as students, staff, and faculty celebrated the annual Valentine's party.

The theme of hearts was carried out in all the fun. They were in the decorations; they slipped into the entertainment; and they even found a way into the refreshments.

Numerous games, skits, and stunts gave a hearty time of laughter and fellowship to all. Then to add the finishing touch to the lighter side of the festivities, couples, wearing aprons of hearts, served heart-shaped cookies, strawberry ice cream, and a soft drink.

Climaxing and deeply enriching the evening, the devotions proved heart searching to everyone.



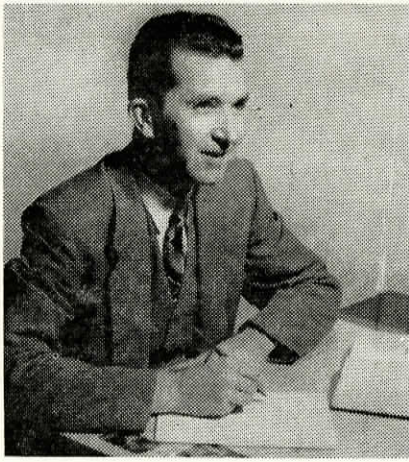
Gospel Singers representing the university this summer are, left to right, Rose Marie Brown, Lenora Dickens, June Hively, and Virginia Segune.

UNIVERSITY GOSPEL SINGERS PLAN SUMMER ITINERARY

Indianapolis . . . Detroit . . . Cleveland . . . Philadelphia . . . Charleston . . . all these are within the circuit of the Bryan University Gospel Singers' anticipated tour this summer. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williamson, faculty and staff members, will be traveling with them.

Mr. Williamson plans to show the university film during the tour to supplement the programs. The film depicts life around the university and the city of Dayton.

Lenora Dickens, St. Louis, Missouri, and Rose Marie Brown, Troy, Ohio, are the sophomore members of the quartette. Lenora is first soprano and Rose Marie, second alto. Virginia Segune, second soprano, and June Hively, first alto, both freshmen, complete the group. Virginia hails from Racine, Wisconsin, and June comes from Charleston, West Virginia. Mrs. Williamson will accompany them on the piano and also play the solovox.



From My Heart to You

"... Yet again I will, once for all, cause not only the earth to tremble, but heaven also. Here the words 'yet again once for all' denote the removal of the things which can be shaken—created things—in order that the things which cannot be shaken may remain." (Heb. 12:26, 27; Wey.)

This old world has been reeling and rocking almost continuously since that nineteenth day of March, 1860, when William Jennings Bryan was born in Salem, Illinois.

Mr. Bryan was a baby during the days of the battle between North and South. He grew up in a time of "unrest and discontent" when, because of falling prices, the people of the West were bitter in their hatred of Wall Street bankers. As a man, Mr. Bryan was a key figure in all of the national issues of his day.

But Mr. Bryan was also an international figure. He traveled in all of the countries that are in the headlines today. He took the side of China against "Western Imperialism." He assured the Japanese ambassador that nothing was "final between friends."

World War I, much less costly than World War II in men, lives and money, cost more than all wars in the previous 1,000 years of the earth's history. Mr. Bryan did all in his power to bring World War I to an end without involving the United States. Time has justified him in his position that wars may not be avoided in our day, but that nothing final is settled by wars.

Some years ago, before World War II, I asked Mr. Bryan's youngest daughter, Grace, how Mr. Bryan would react to world conditions were he alive. She was very close to her father, so I was the more impressed by her reply: "He would die again." She then went on to explain that toward the end of his life her father had grown very tired as a result of fighting a losing battle in national and international affairs, and that the many political battles won had not transformed human lives. Thus it was that Mr. Bryan came more and more to feel the importance of the Lord's work, devoting more and more of his time to establishing young people in the Faith.

Surely in these days of the atomic age, when we are on the threshold of World War III, we who know the Lord should be investing our lives and our wealth in the things which cannot be shaken and which will remain.

Yours, trusting in Him,
JUDSON A. RUDD
President

BRYAN COOPERATES WITH COLLEGE DAY OF PRAYER

At the Southeastern Regional Conference of the North American Association of Bible institutes and Bible colleges in Atlanta, Georgia, January 22 and 23, a resolution was adopted to invite all Bible institutes and Bible colleges of the Association and all other Christian schools to set aside March 13 as a day of prayer.

At Bryan University, Rev. John Hay, a missionary to Nigeria under the Sudan Interior Mission, will be the visiting speaker for the day. The following is the prayer day schedule:

- 7:30—Family and room devotions.
- 8:00—Dormitory prayer meetings.
- 8:30—Prayer meeting of the wives of faculty and staff members.
- 9:00—Prayer periods in each office for office personnel and in other departments for workers and staff.
- 10:00—Chapel.
- 1:30—Prayer meeting of Trustees, Advisory Committee, and special friends.
- 2:30—Class and staff prayer meetings.
- 3:30—Chapel.
- 6:30—Missionary prayer groups.
- 7:30—Chapel.

"GREAT COMMONER" FIGHTS

Our nation and the world were shocked twenty-five years ago by the news that the greatest orator of that generation, and probably of any generation, was dead. That man was William Jennings Bryan.

As the train bearing Mr. Bryan's body moved from Tennessee to Washington where he was to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, crowds gathered at the railroad stations along the route in a way reminiscent of the many campaign trips which Bryan had made.

For thirty years these crowds had gathered in the little towns, eagerly pushing their way to the back platform of the observation coach, and always Mr. Bryan had gone to greet them. But on this trip, the great orator lay in a flag-covered casket surrounded by mounds of flowers which grew greater at every stop the train made.

It was not out of curiosity or of courtesy that these people had come to the stations. All along the route the words, "He was my friend," were on the lips of both young and old.

What was it that caused this man to be so widely known, so greatly loved, and so ardently hated? What quality in this man caused his influ-

CONCERT SERIES BRINGS WORLD FAMOUS ARTISTS TO CHATTANOOGA, BRYAN

Students and staff members are once again availing themselves of the opportunity of attending several concerts in Chattanooga besides those regularly scheduled on Bryan Hill.

Under the auspices of the Community Concert Association, musicians have come to Chattanooga from many different parts of the world.

Scheduled to appear March 14, are Robert and Gaby Casadesus, pianists. In musicianship, virtuosity, and novelty, programs by this musical pair have proved to be a rare treat.

In the early fall of 1950 Zino Francescatti, French violinist, appeared, and at a later date the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London presented a program, under the direction of Sir Thomas Beecham. This past February Elena Nikolaidi, a young Greek contralto, was acclaimed. Miss Nikolaidi made her American debut with a Town Hall recital in January, 1949.

The musical pair, Decosta and Ferrari, gave an evening concert program on Bryan Hill in February. Mr. Decosta is a proficient player of most band instruments, and Miss Ferrari is an accomplished accordionist.

TO THE DEATH FOR TRUTH

ence to extend far beyond the confines of his own country and call forth at his death expressions of sorrow from all parts of the world?

Was it his eloquence as an orator, his prominence as a journalist, or his popularity as a politician and statesman which caused thousands of admirers to cherish his memory? Or was there something else about him which touched the heart strings of the American people?

Yes, there was something else about Mr. Bryan which made its indelible imprint on the lives of those with whom he came in contact. It was neither his ability nor personality, but it was his simple faith in God and his strong Christian testimony.

As the result of a spiritual awakening which took place in the little town in which he lived, Mr. Bryan accepted Christ as Savior at the age of fourteen. He later wrote that this event had more influence on his life than any other experience.

The working of Christ in his life during his college years was evident because Mrs. Bryan once wrote, "My first impression of Mr. Bryan was of a tall, slender youth, wearing a black frock coat and leading his class of

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boys into a Sunday school room. My classmates in boarding school sometimes warned me that he was too good, but after considering the matter, I decided that I preferred marrying a man who was too good rather than one who was not quite good enough."

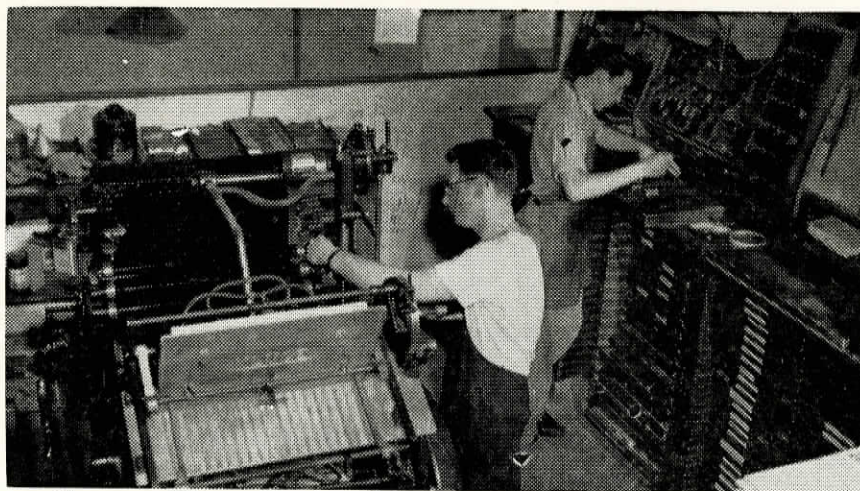
After the election of 1900, Bryan felt free to devote more of his time to religious addresses, and, with increasing age, he felt an increasing desire to render such service as he could. He traveled up and down the land speaking for the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Epworth League, the Christian Endeavor, and to Protestant denominations, Catholics, and Jews. His wife said that in his zeal for souls he was like an evangelist.

Along with his religious activities, Mr. Bryan always fought for the truth. He said that Truth, being of God, was omnipotent and that men could delay but could never prevent its triumph.

With this thought in mind William Jennings Bryan took the witness stand in the world-famous Scopes trial in Dayton, Tennessee, in 1925 to defend the Bible against the theory of evolution.

A few days after this, his last battle, the "Great Commoner" went home to meet the God who is spoken of in his favorite poem, William Cullen Bryant's "An Ode to a Waterfowl," which concludes:

"He who, from zone to zone,
Guides through the boundless sky
thy certain flight,
In the long way that I must tread
alone,
Will lead my steps aright."



Above are Wayne Pontious, left, and Jack Spurlock, student printers.

PRINT SHOP PRODUCES WIDE VARIETY OF LITERATURE

Perhaps you did not know that the paper which you are now reading, and almost every piece of literature including its envelope, is printed in the university print shop.

Established at Bryan in 1938, the print shop does work equal to that of most small commercial printing plants and possibly turns out a wider variety of printed matter. The Chandler-Price press with 14 by 20-inch bed, prints the NEWSETTE, university catalogue and students' handbook, posters, wedding announcements, envelopes, billheads, time cards, schedules, grade sheets, programs for special occasions, and many other items.

Besides the big press, the graphotype, mimeograph, and addressograph machines find their places in the room. Other things necessary to run a print shop such as folder, stapler, embossing machine, mailing tables, and stock needs complete the round of equipment and supplies.

Off in a little nook near a large

window looking out over Trailerville and shimmering Lake Chickamauga is the desk of Mrs. Earl Williamson, supervisor of the mailing and printing department. It is Mrs. Williamson's job to keep the department operating efficiently and to supervise the handling of the huge mailing list of approximately 21,000 names.

Working closely with the Public Relations office, this department also prints prayer letters and tracts. This work too, is an avenue of financial self-help for the students. At the present time there are eleven people employed as part-time help.

GIFT INCOME FOR JANUARY 1951

OPERATING FUND:

M. S. M.....	\$ 209.00
Gifts for the King	1,085.86
Other Sources	2,264.18

Total Operating..... \$3,559.04

PLANT FUND:

Designated Gifts	\$4,157.78
Gifts for the King	130.00
M. S. M.....	415.50

Total Plant \$4,703.28

TOTAL BOTH FUNDS.. \$8,262.32

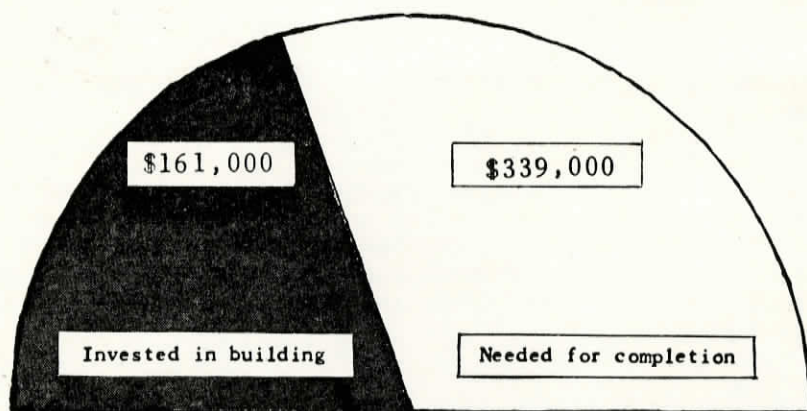
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